

Concordia University
Council of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science
Minutes of meeting 2007-05
Held

Friday, February 15, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in room EV002.309

Present: N. Esmail (Chair), S. T. Alkass, R. Bhat, T. Bui, M. Debbabi, R. Dssouli, J. M. Edwards, T. Fancott, F. Haghighat, L. Lopes, W. Lynch, B. Mackenzie, M. Medraj, S. Mudur, M. Mulrennan, J. Opatrny, C. Paradisis, R. Paknys, A. Ramamurthy, R. Sedaghati, N. Shiri, A. Taimuri, R. Trenard, C. Trueman, P. Wood-Adams, R. Zmeureanu, N. Fiorentino (Secretary).

Observers: J. Beaudoin, S. Belanger, K. Demirli, E. Katz, L. Zack

Regrets: M. Kabir, M. Mulrennan, J. Mudry, M. Paraschivoiu, M. Parisien, M. Pugh, A. Qasem, L. Quesnel, T. Radhakrishnan

1. **Adoption of the Revised Agenda**

Motion: That the agenda be adopted.
2007-05-01 (*S. Mudur & M. Debbabi*)

Carried Unanimously

2. **Approval of the minutes of meeting 2007-04**

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held on January 25, 2008 be adopted.
2007-05-02 (*C. Trueman & R. Dssouli*)

Carried Unanimously

3. **Chairs Remarks**

The Chair congratulated Drs. Alkass, Bhattacharya Haghighat and Lam, for recent honours and distinctions.

He informed Council of the success of our undergraduate students at the Quebec Engineering Competitions wished them success in their upcoming participation at the Canadian Engineering Competitions.

Dean Esmail and Dr. Debbabi presented the National Cyber-Forensics and Training Alliance (NCFTA Canada), in which ENCS/Concordia is a founding member and a potential host. This is a non-profit organization where institutions from: Academia, Government (in particular Law Enforcement) and Industrial Corporations join together to:

- Discretely share intelligence
- Fight cyber crime
- Conduct research and development in the area of cyber forensics

The alliance is meant to facilitate advanced training and research, promote security awareness to reduce cyber-vulnerability, and conduct forensic and predictive analysis and laboratory simulations. These activities are intended to help fight cyber crime, educate organizations and enhance their abilities to manage risk and develop security strategies and best practices.

4. Graduate Curriculum Proposal

Motion: Dr. R. Bhat moved Graduate Curriculum Proposal ECFC Doc: 2007-05-01
2007-05-03 which outlines a graduate curriculum proposal for the 2008-2009 Academic year for the Electrical and Computer Engineering.
(*R. Bhat & C. Trueman*)

Carried Unanimously

5. Graduate Curriculum Proposal

Motion: Dr. R. Bhat moved Graduate Curriculum Proposal ECFC Doc: 2007-05-02
2007-05-04 which outlines a graduate curriculum proposal for the 2008-2009 Academic year for the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering.
(*R. Bhat & Medraj*)

Carried Unanimously

6. Faculty Research Awards

The Department Chairs reported on the progress at the department level regarding the Faculty Research Awards Doc ECFC 2007-05-03. They noted that department committees had been established and that they would be forwarding their recommendations to the Dean's Office by February 29, 2008. The Dean noted that all the recommendations would then be reviewed by the Faculty Research Committee and he looked forward to celebrating some time in April or May showcasing the

7. **Ratification of Faculty Council Subcommittee on University Budget**

Motion: 2007-05-05 The Chair reported on a Budget Principles Document recently discussed at the Executive Committee, where it was recommended that a Faculty Council Subcommittee established to provide a brief report on the document. After asking for volunteers, The Dean moved for the ratification of the membership of the Faculty Council Sub-Committee on University Budget comprised of Drs. Medraj, Athienitis, Fancott, Lynch and Radhakrishnan (Member of the University Budget Committee).
(R. Dssouli & C. Trueman)

Carried Unanimously.

8. **Report of the Review Committee of the School of Graduate Studies**

Dr. Bhat presented Doc ECFC 2007-05-04 "Report of the review committee of the school of graduate studies". A discussion ensued. Members underscored the fact that the issues involving graduate programmes should come from Departments and Faculties and that the School of Graduate Studies (GSU) may advise but not initiate. It was also noted that the GSU should not act as an independent body and must be responsible to Senate. The Dean noted that the document was too comprehensive noting that the document will be taken to the ENCS Graduate Studies Committee which will report back to Faculty Council with a more detailed reaction to the report.

9. **Report of the Working Group on University Governance**

Motion: 2007-05-06 Dr. Lynch presented Doc ECFC 2007-05-05 "Report of the Working Group on University Governance. A discussion ensued and a motion was passed reflecting the following:

- The need to maintain articulate and effective representation of the constituency having the largest stake in the University (namely the internal community
- The need to emphasize and maintain transparency and accountability of the Board, and
- The need to establish nominating procedures to ensure the independence of Board Members.

(C. Trueman & S. Alkass)

Carried Unanimously.

10. **Assessment of Quality and Impact of Research and Graduate Contribution**

The Chair postponed the discussion of this issue to the next Council Meeting.

11. **University "Community Campaign" Announcement**

Dr. Lynch announced to Faculty Council that the University Community Campaign has begun and that the Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations will soon be making arrangements to address department councils to solicit contributions. He encouraged everyone to support this worthy cause.